

# 3D Modeling for a Single View

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# Breaking out of 2D

...now we are ready to break out of 2D



And enter the real world!



# on to 3D...

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Enough of images!

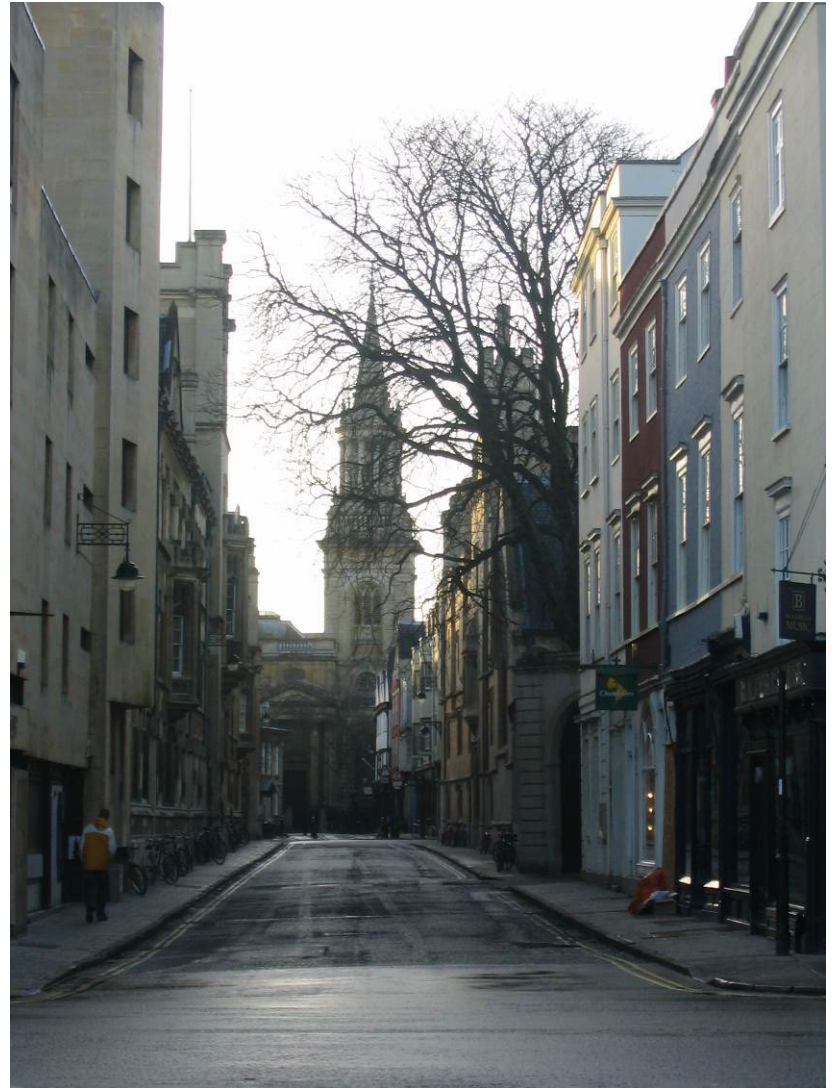
We want more of the  
plenoptic function

We want real 3D scene  
walk-throughs:

Camera rotation

Camera translation

Can we do it from a single  
photograph?



# Camera rotations with homographies

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Original image



St.Petersburg  
photo by A. Tikhonov

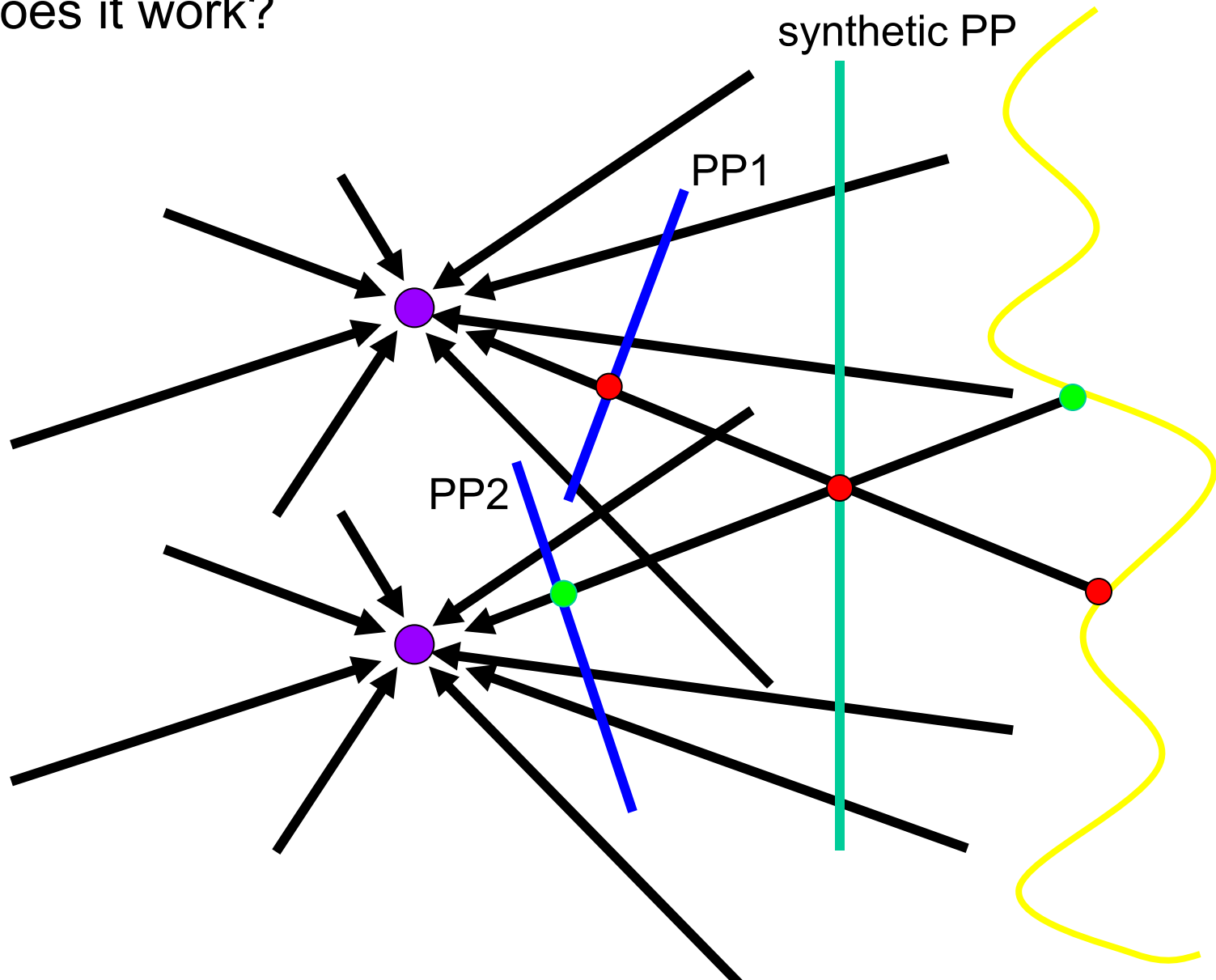
Virtual camera rotations



# Camera translation

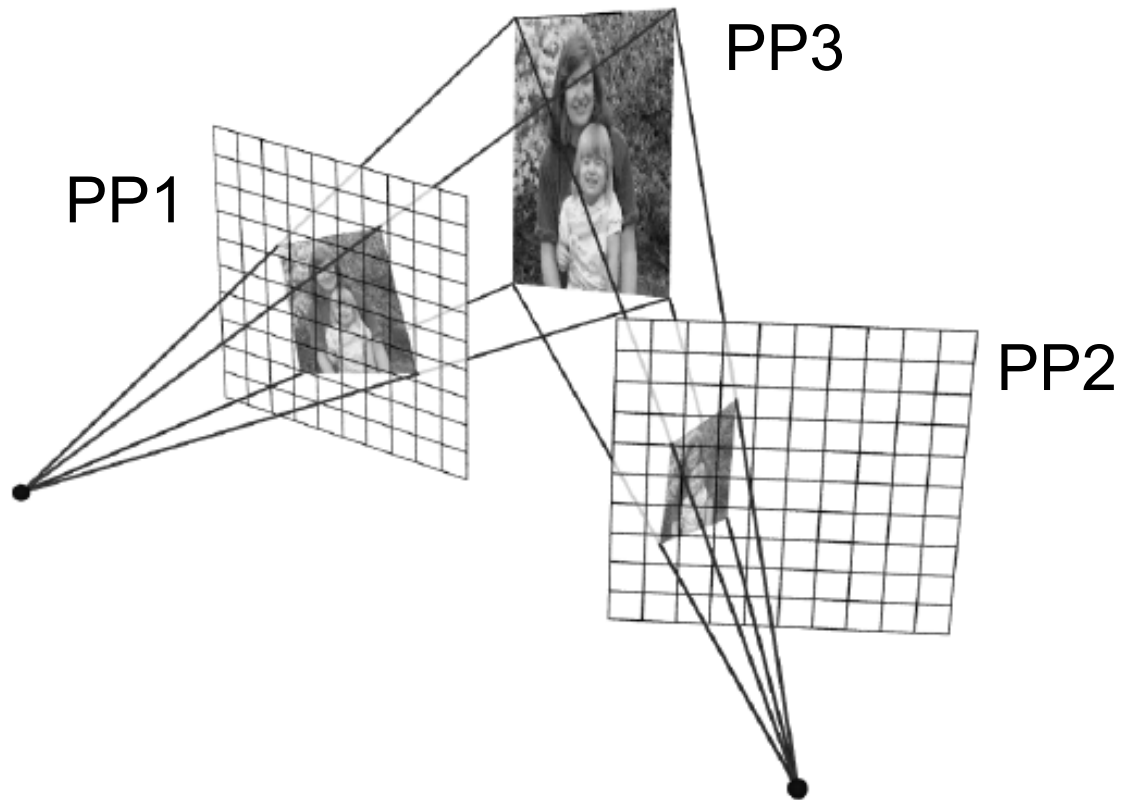
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Does it work?



# Yes, with planar scene (or far away)

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PP3 is a projection plane of both centers of projection,  
so we are OK!



# So, what can we do here?

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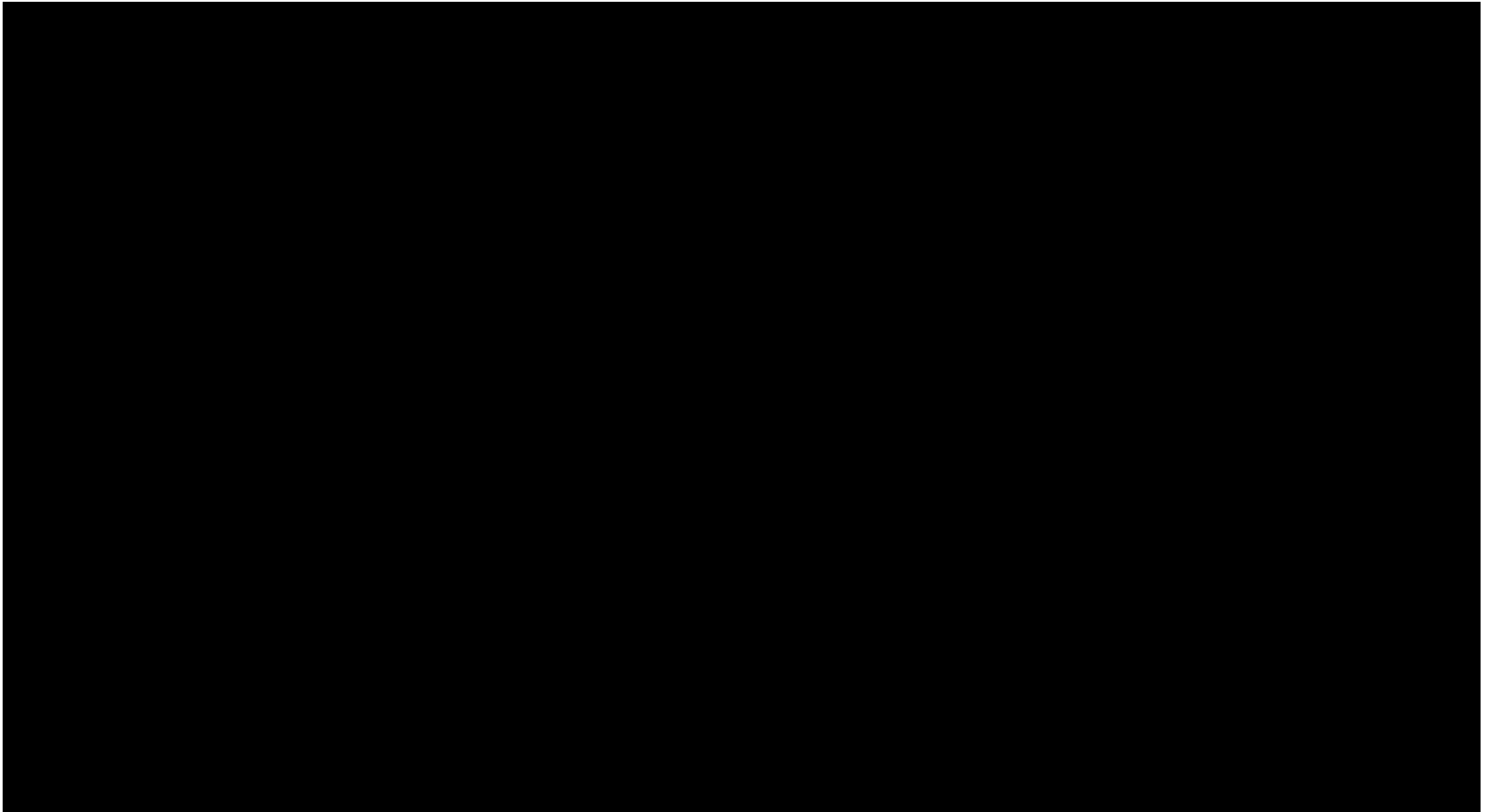
Model the scene as a set of planes!

Now, just need to find the orientations of these planes.



# Automatic Photo Pop-up

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# Some preliminaries: projective geometry

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# Silly Euclid!

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Parallel lines???

# The projective plane

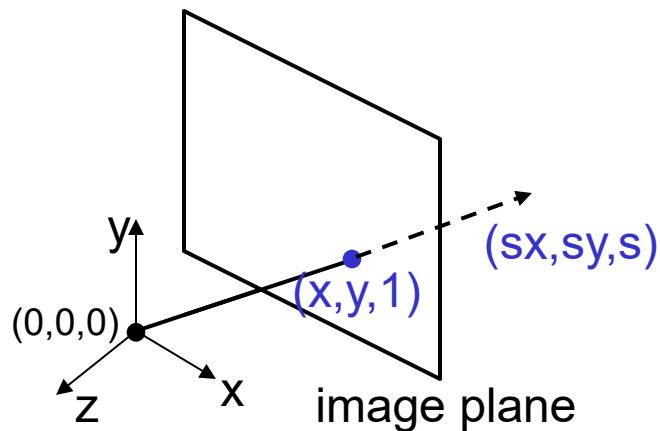
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Why do we need homogeneous coordinates?

- represent points at infinity, homographies, perspective projection, multi-view relationships

What is the geometric intuition?

- a point in the image is a *ray* in projective space



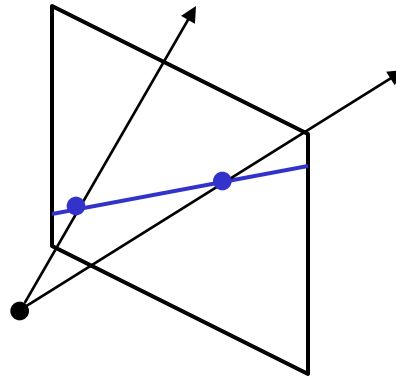
- Each *point*  $(x,y)$  on the plane is represented by a *ray*  $(sx, sy, s)$ 
  - all points on the ray are equivalent:  $(x, y, 1) \cong (sx, sy, s)$

Remember projection eq:  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow \left(-d\frac{x}{z}, -d\frac{y}{z}\right)$

# Projective lines

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What does a line in the image correspond to in projective space?



- A line is a *plane* of rays through origin
  - all rays  $(x,y,z)$  satisfying:  $ax + by + cz = 0$

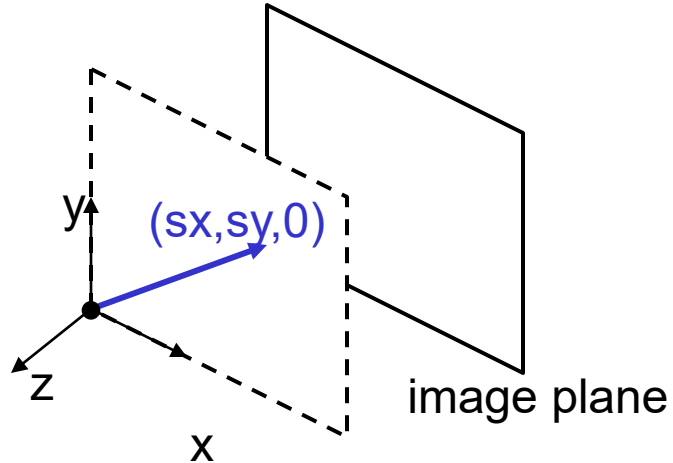
in vector notation:  $0 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

**l**     **p**

- A line is also represented as a homogeneous 3-vector **l**

# Ideal points and lines

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## Ideal point (“point at infinity”)

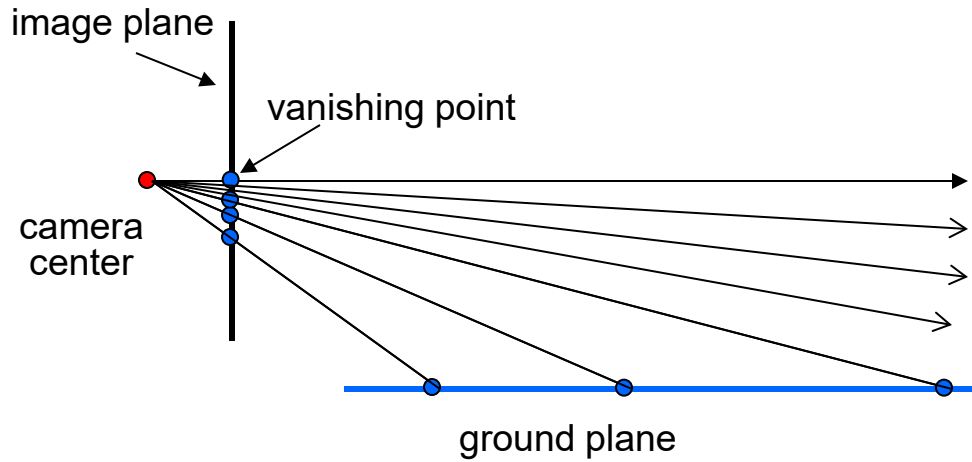
- $p \cong (x, y, 0)$  – parallel to image plane
- It has infinite image coordinates

## Ideal line

- $l \cong (0, 0, 1)$  – parallel to image plane

# Vanishing points

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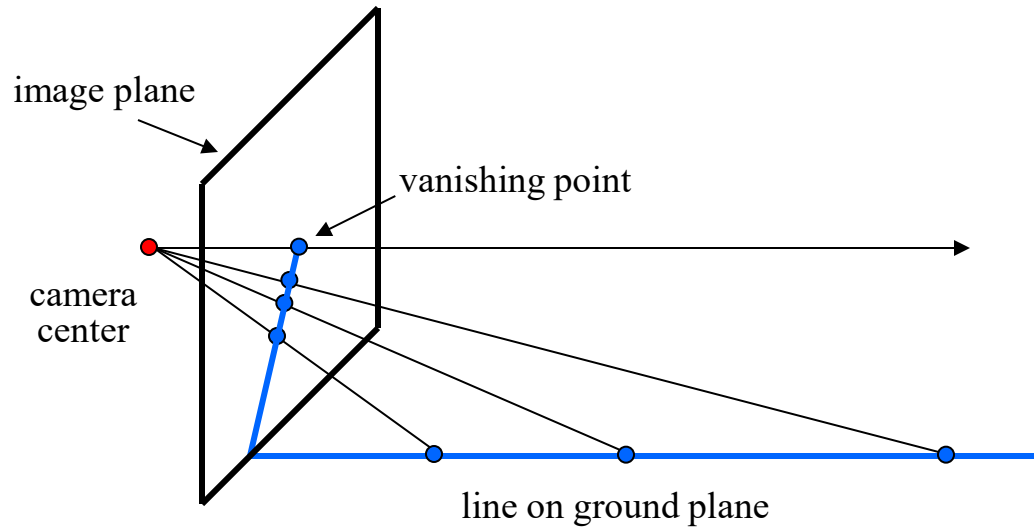
## Vanishing point

- projection of a point at infinity

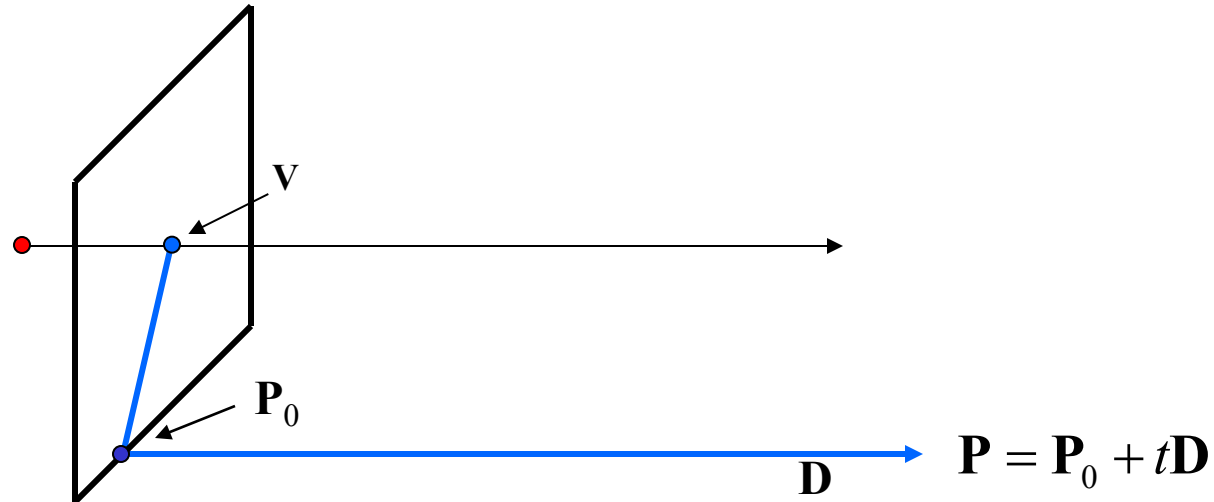


# Vanishing points (2D)

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# Computing vanishing points



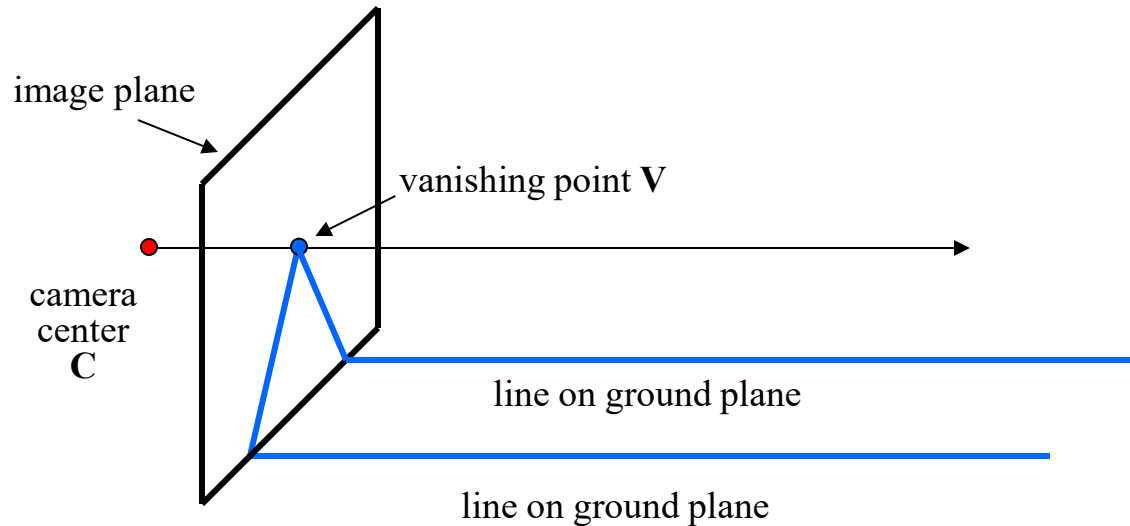
$$\mathbf{P}_t = \begin{bmatrix} P_X + tD_X \\ P_Y + tD_Y \\ P_Z + tD_Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} P_X / t + D_X \\ P_Y / t + D_Y \\ P_Z / t + D_Z \\ 1/t \end{bmatrix} \quad t \rightarrow \infty \quad \mathbf{P}_\infty \cong \begin{bmatrix} D_X \\ D_Y \\ D_Z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{IIP}_\infty$

- $\mathbf{P}_\infty$  is a point at *infinity*,  $\mathbf{v}$  is its projection
- They depend only on line *direction*
- Parallel lines  $\mathbf{P}_0 + t\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_1 + t\mathbf{D}$  intersect at  $\mathbf{P}_\infty$

# Vanishing points

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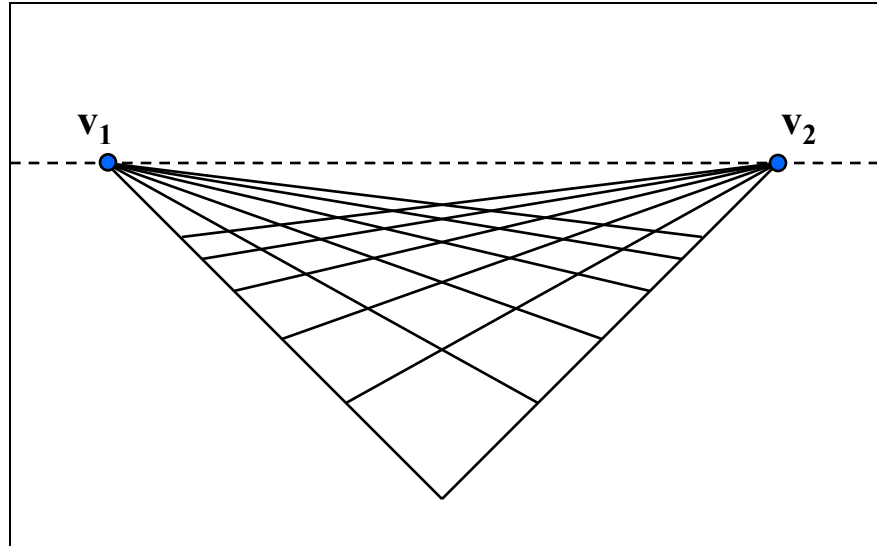


## Properties

- Any two parallel lines have the same vanishing point  $v$
- The ray from  $C$  through  $v$  is parallel to the lines
- An image may have more than one vanishing point

# Vanishing lines

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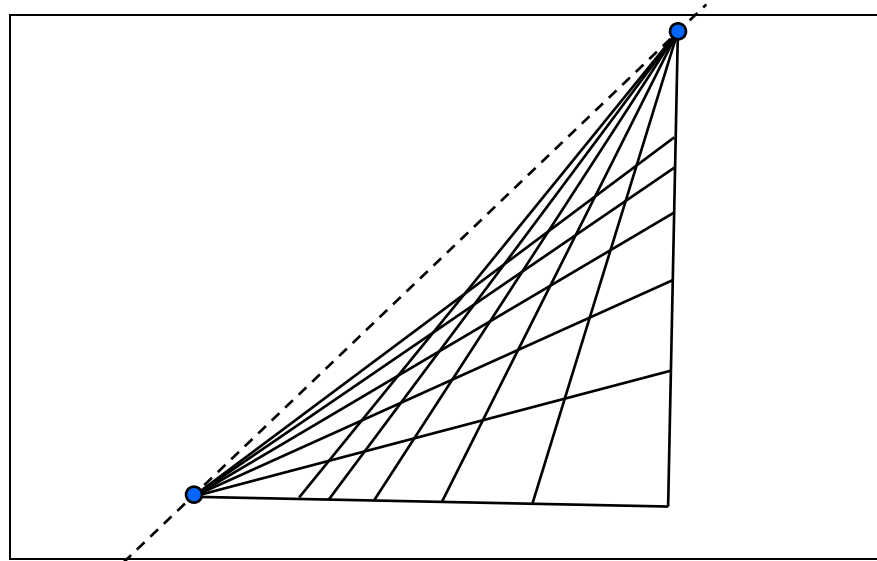


## Multiple Vanishing Points

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- The union of all of these vanishing points is the *horizon line*
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- Note that different planes define different vanishing lines

# Vanishing lines

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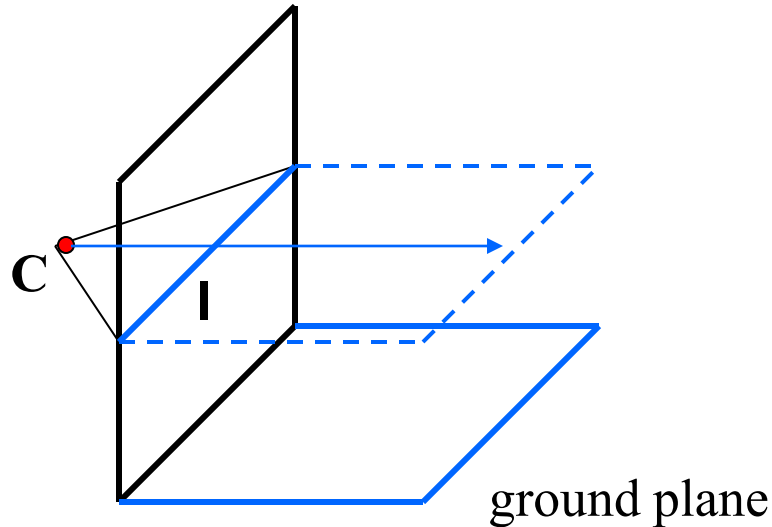


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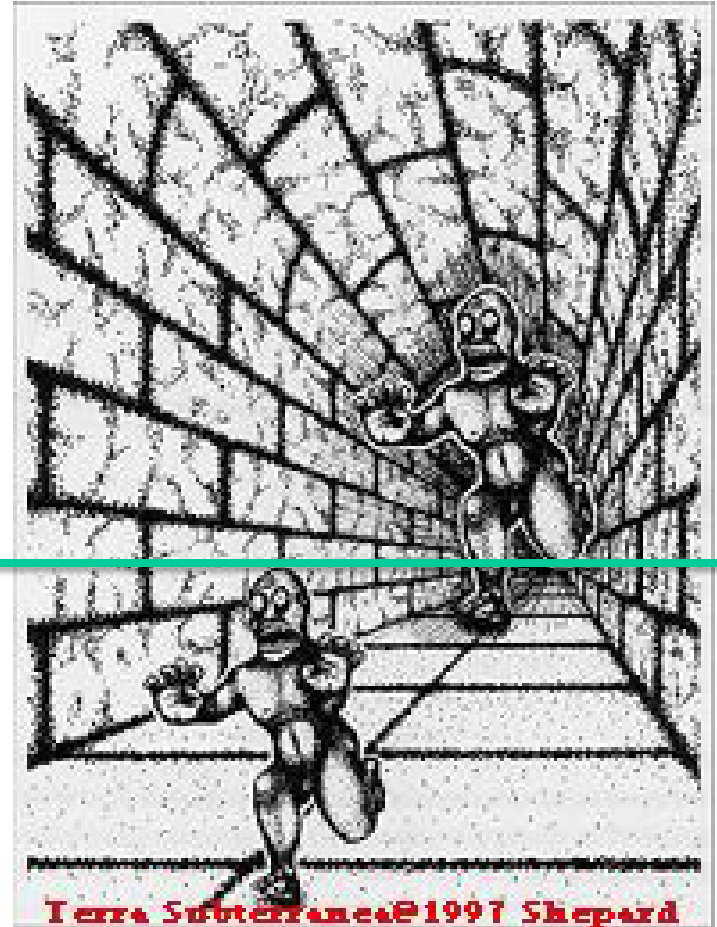
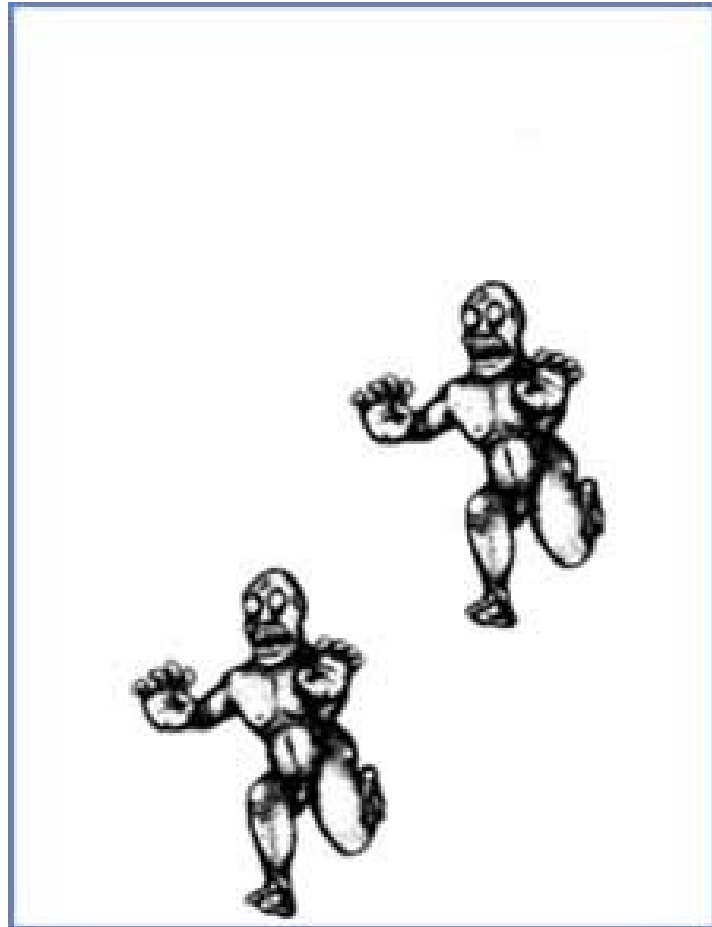
- $I$  is intersection of horizontal plane through  $C$  with image plane
- Compute  $I$  from two sets of parallel lines on ground plane
- All points at same height as  $C$  project to  $I$ 
  - points higher than  $C$  project above  $I$
- Provides way of comparing height of objects in the scene





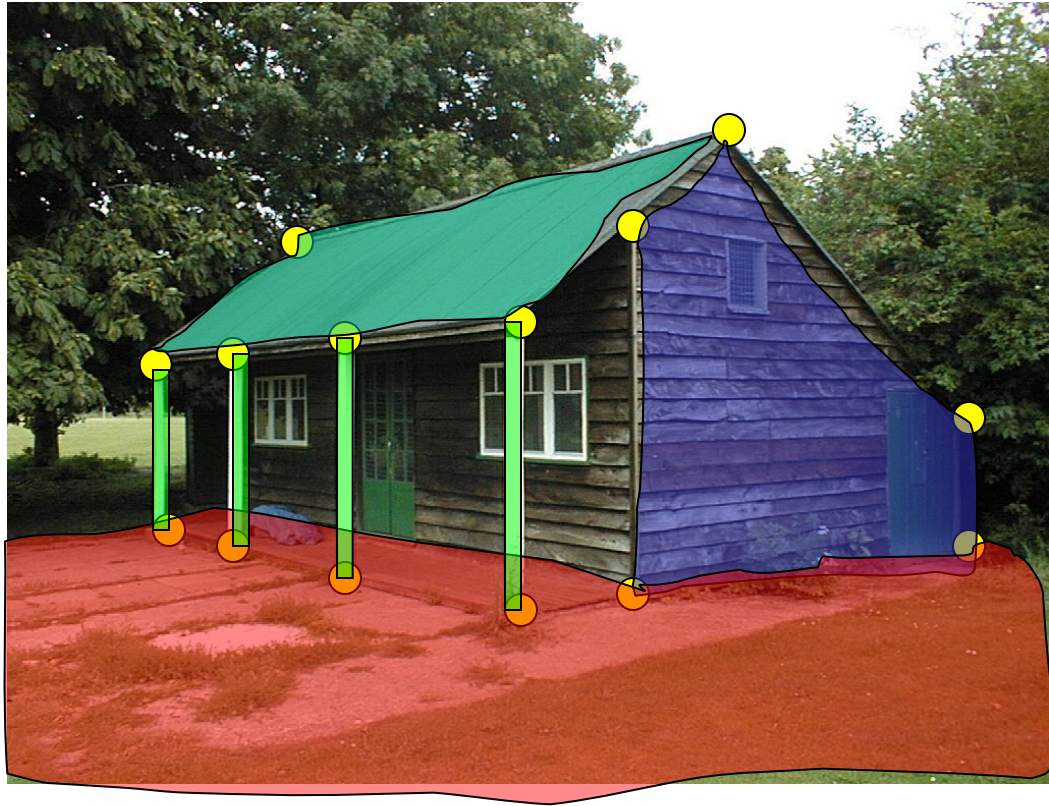
# Fun with vanishing points

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# 3D from single image

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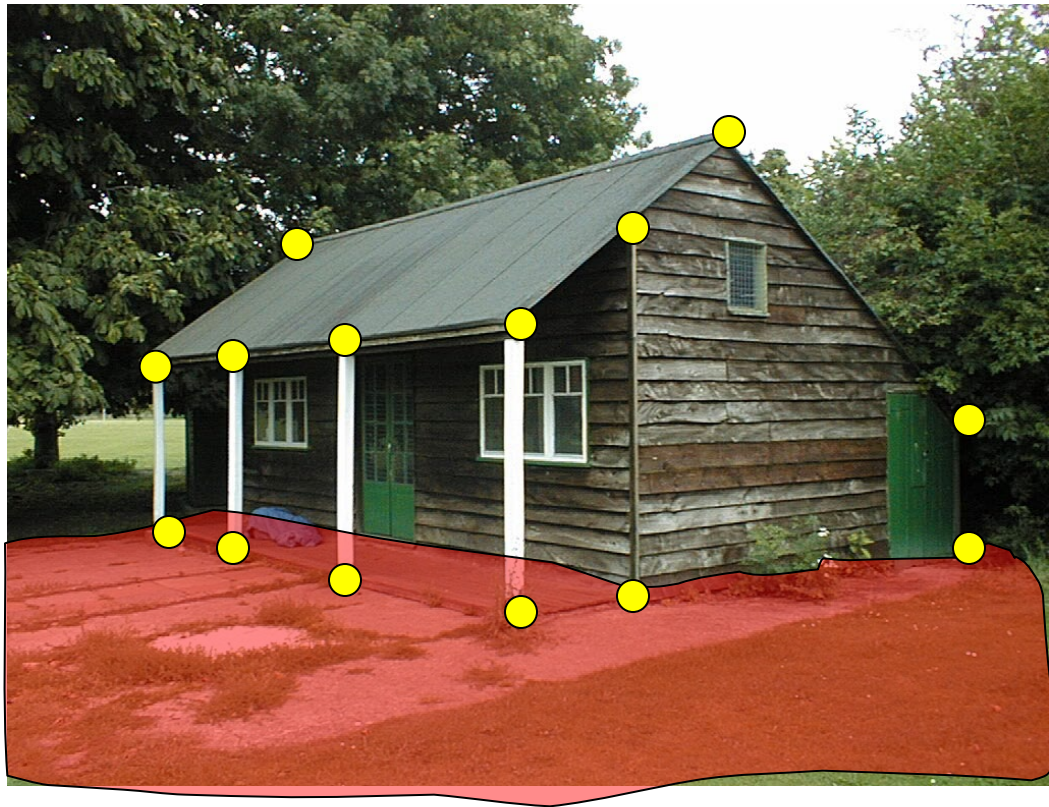


1. Find world coordinates  $(X, Y, Z)$  for a few points
2. Connect the points with planes to model geometry
  - Texture map the planes



# Finding world coordinates (X,Y,Z)

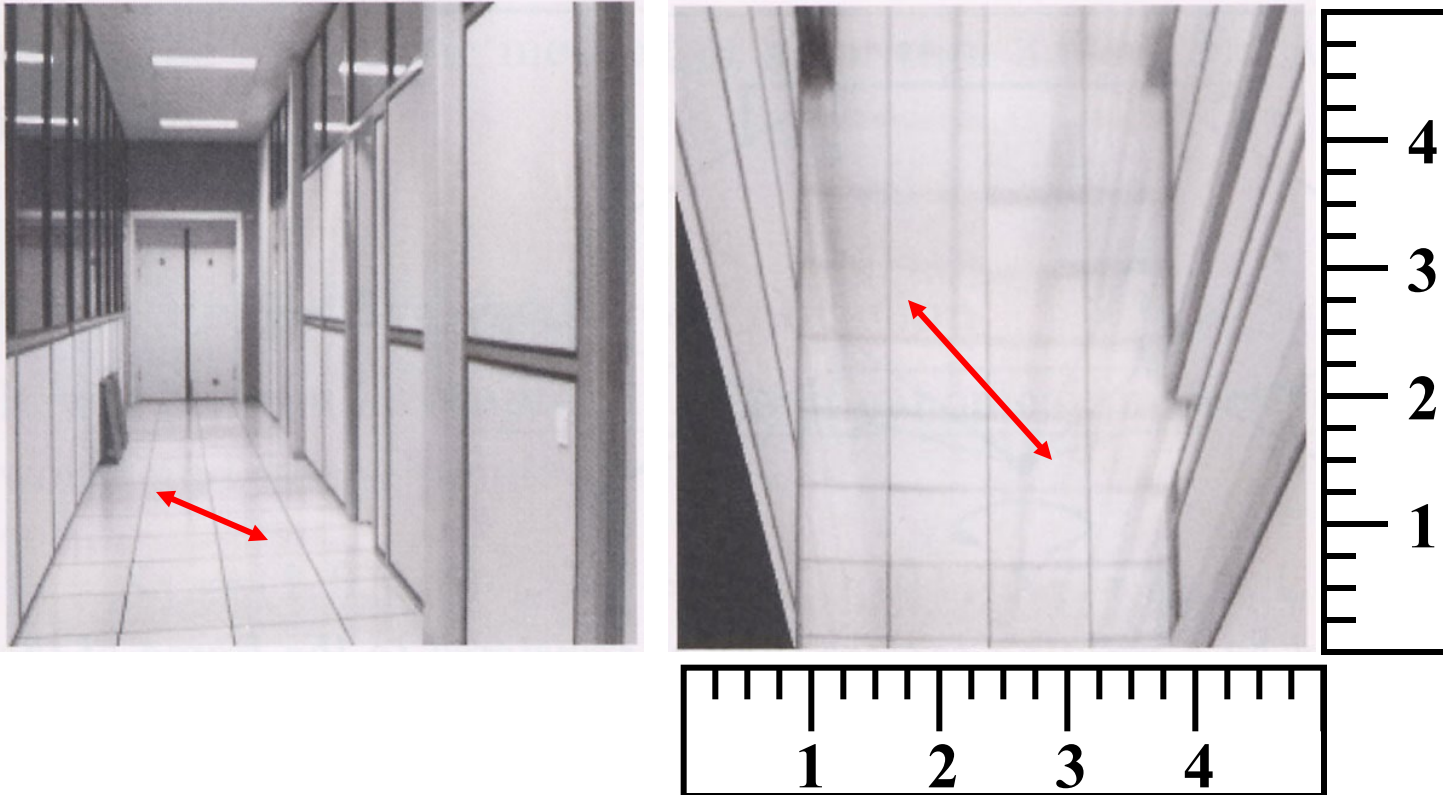
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1. Define the ground plane ( $Z=0$ )
2. Compute points  $(X,Y,0)$  on that plane
3. Compute the *heights*  $Z$  of all other points

# Measurements on planes

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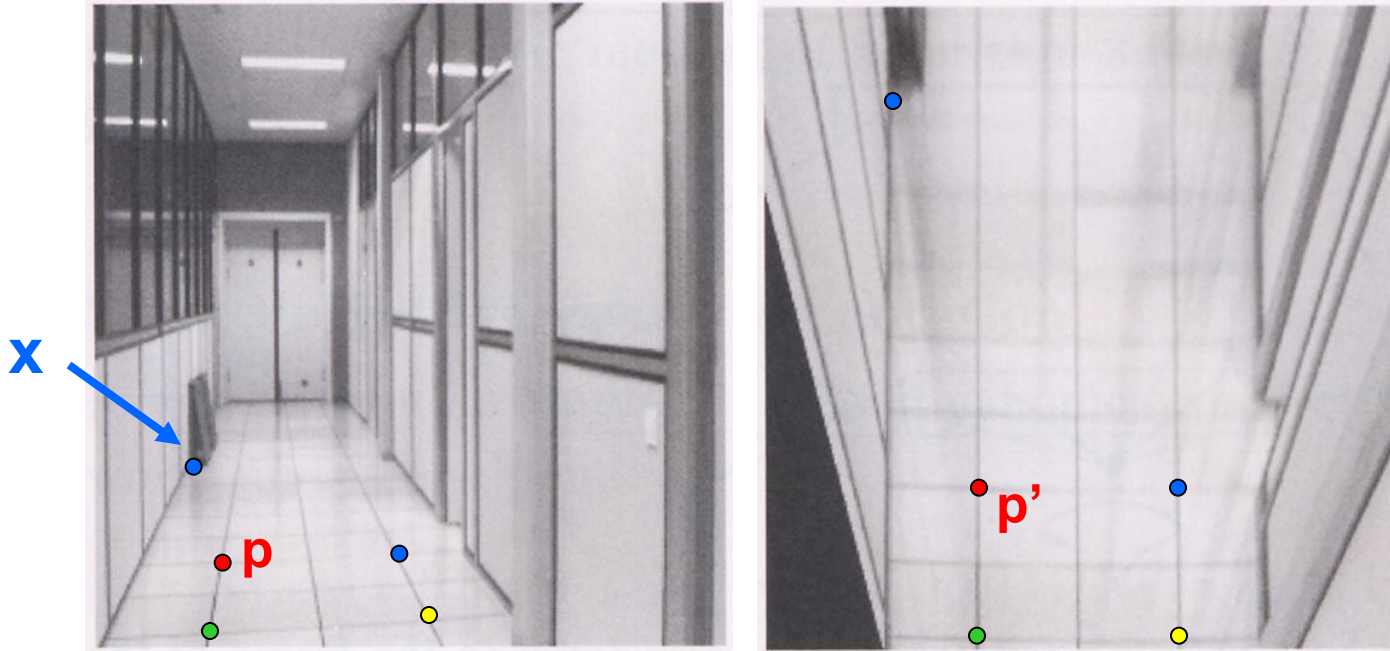


Approach: unwarp, then measure

What kind of warp is this?

# Unwarp ground plane

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Our old friend – the homography

Need 4 reference points with world coordinates

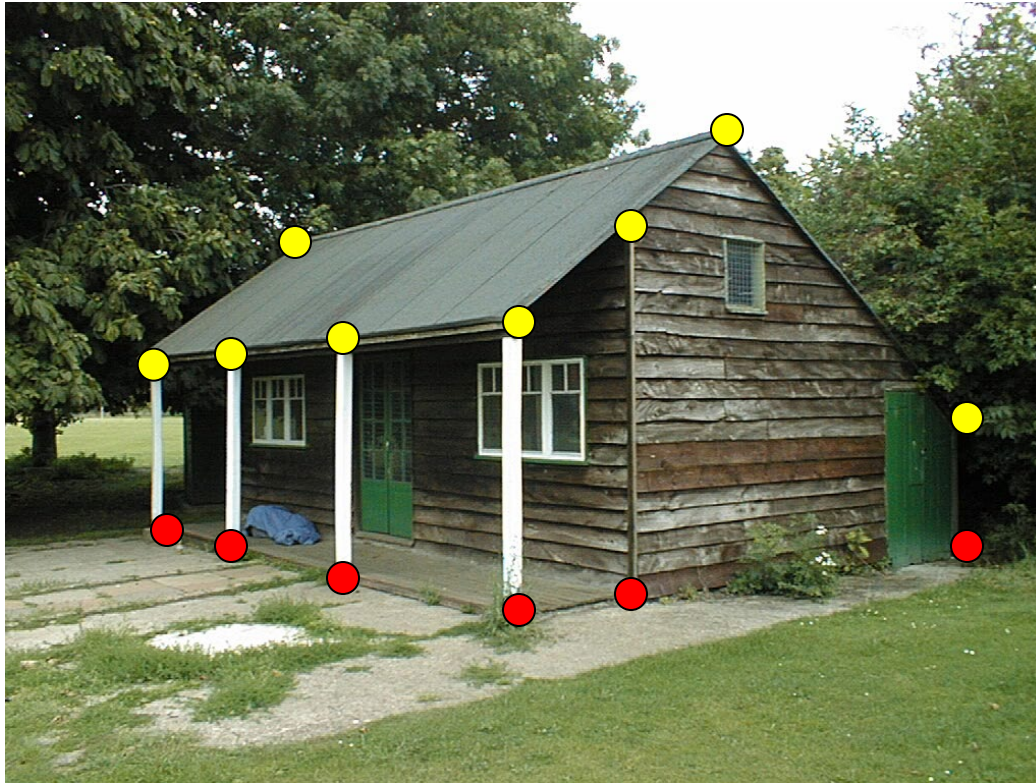
$$p = (x, y)$$

$$p' = (X, Y, 0)$$



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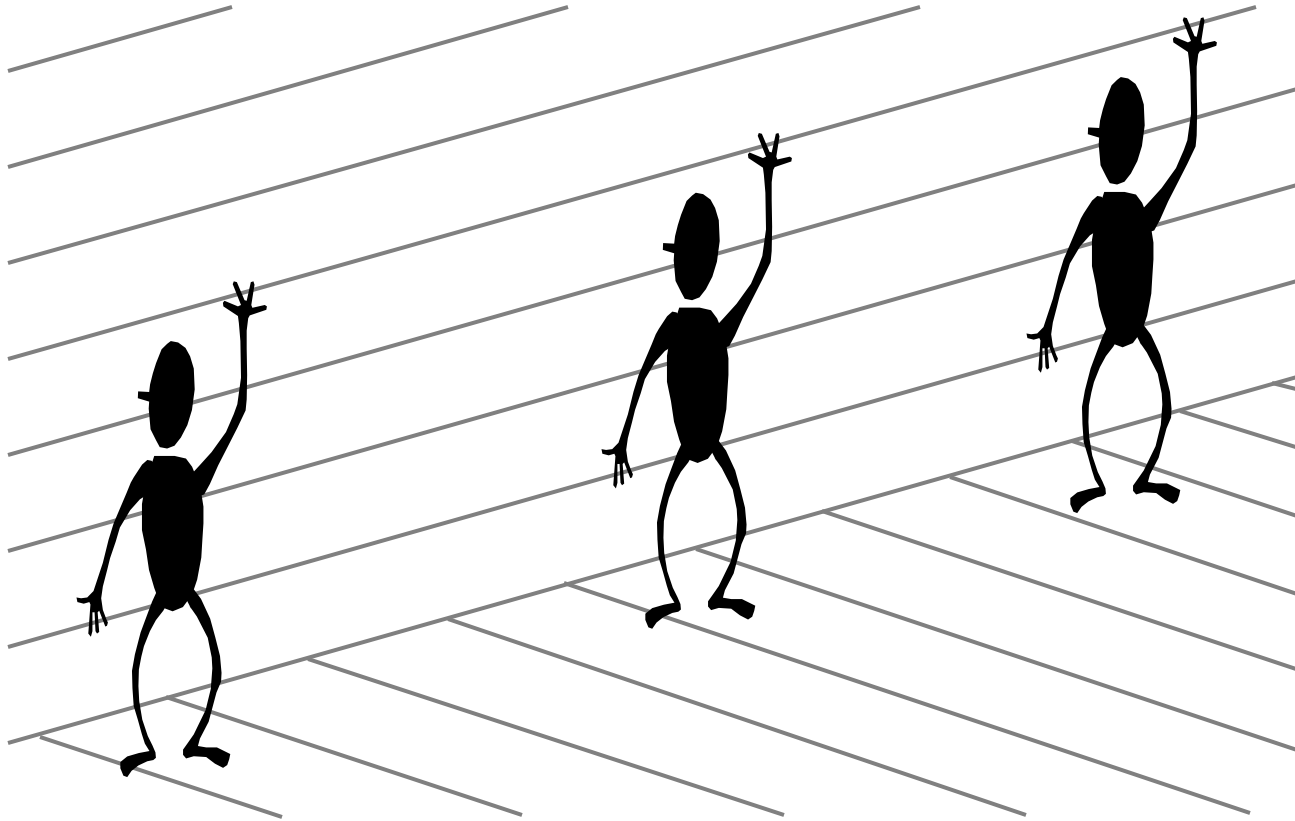
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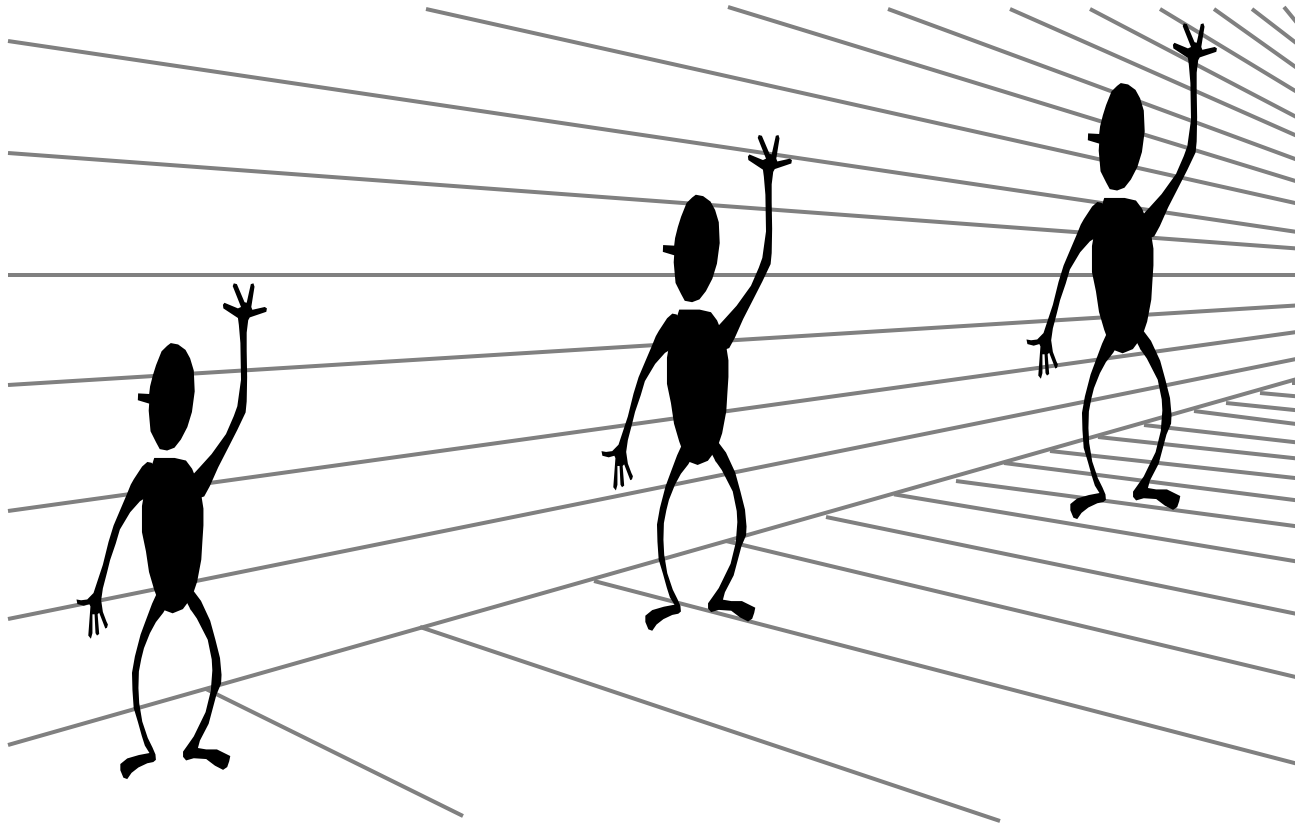
# Comparing heights

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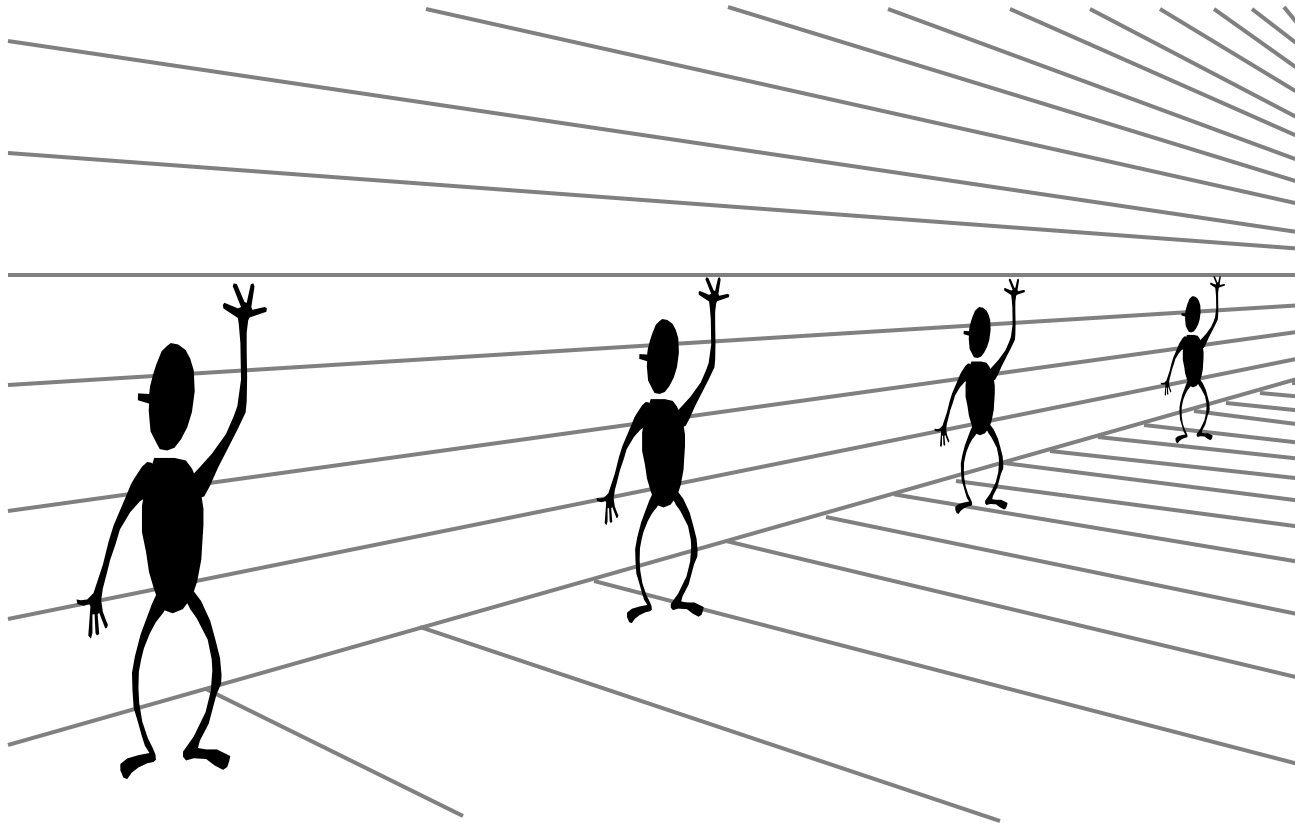
# Perspective cues

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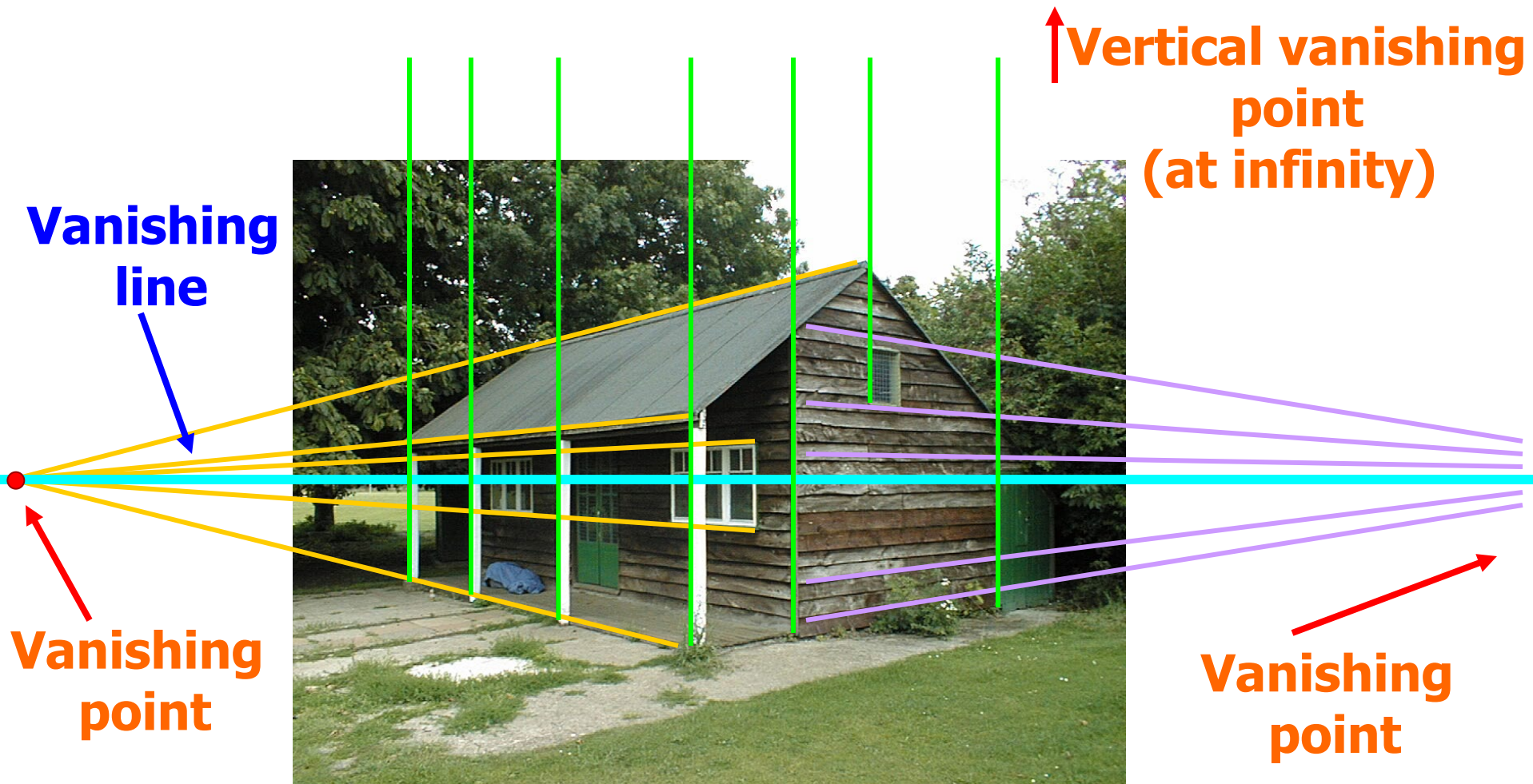
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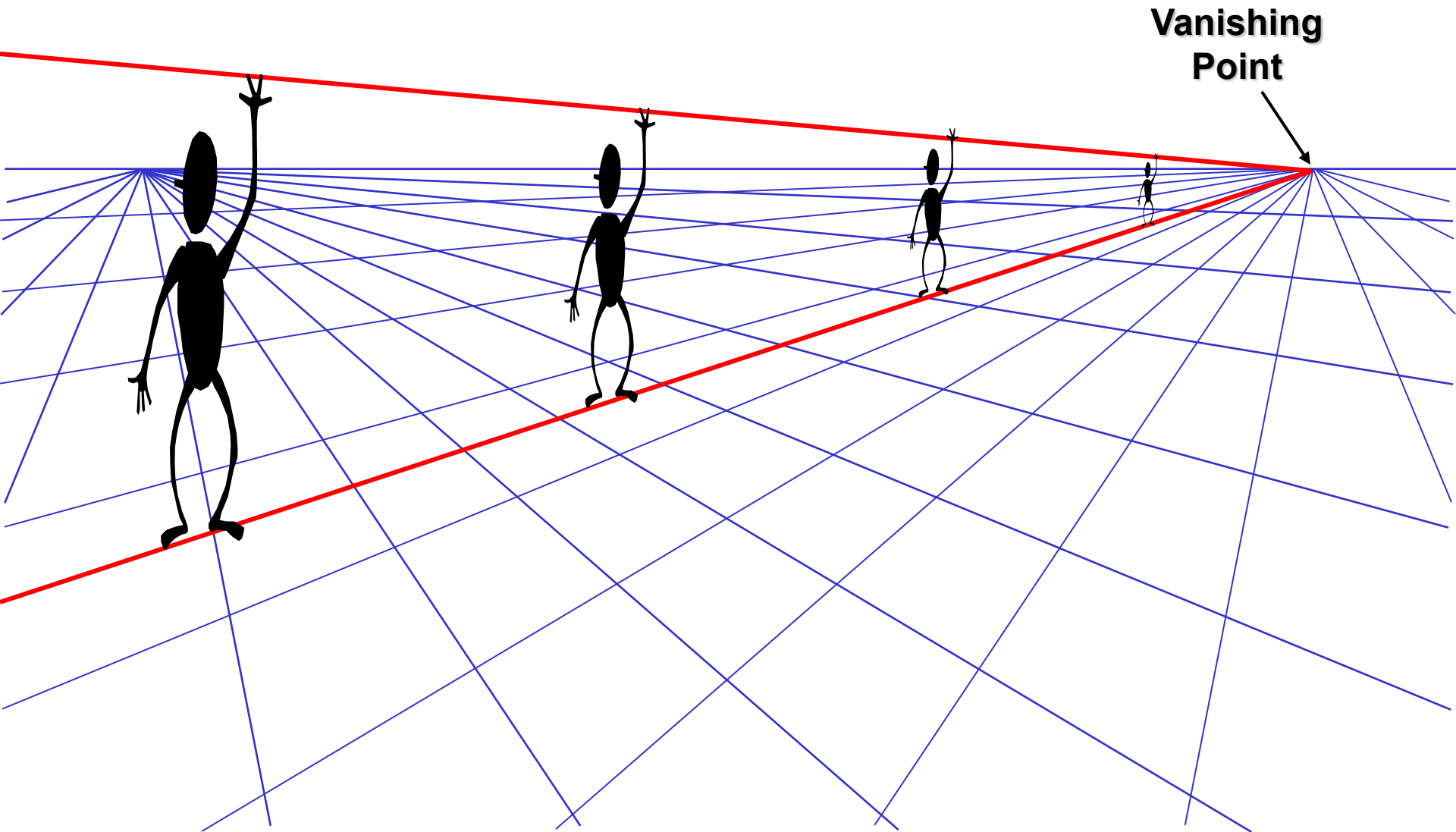
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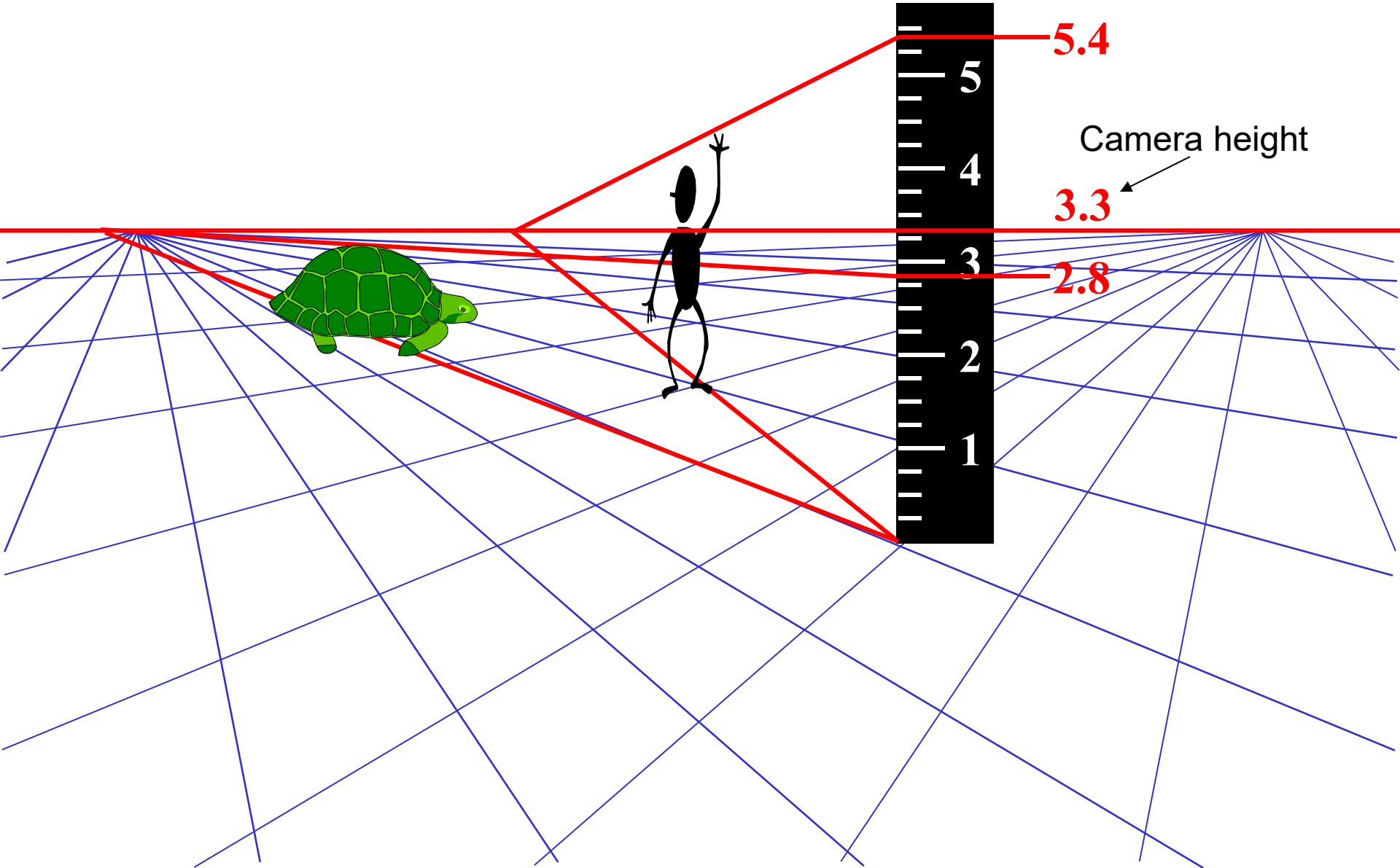
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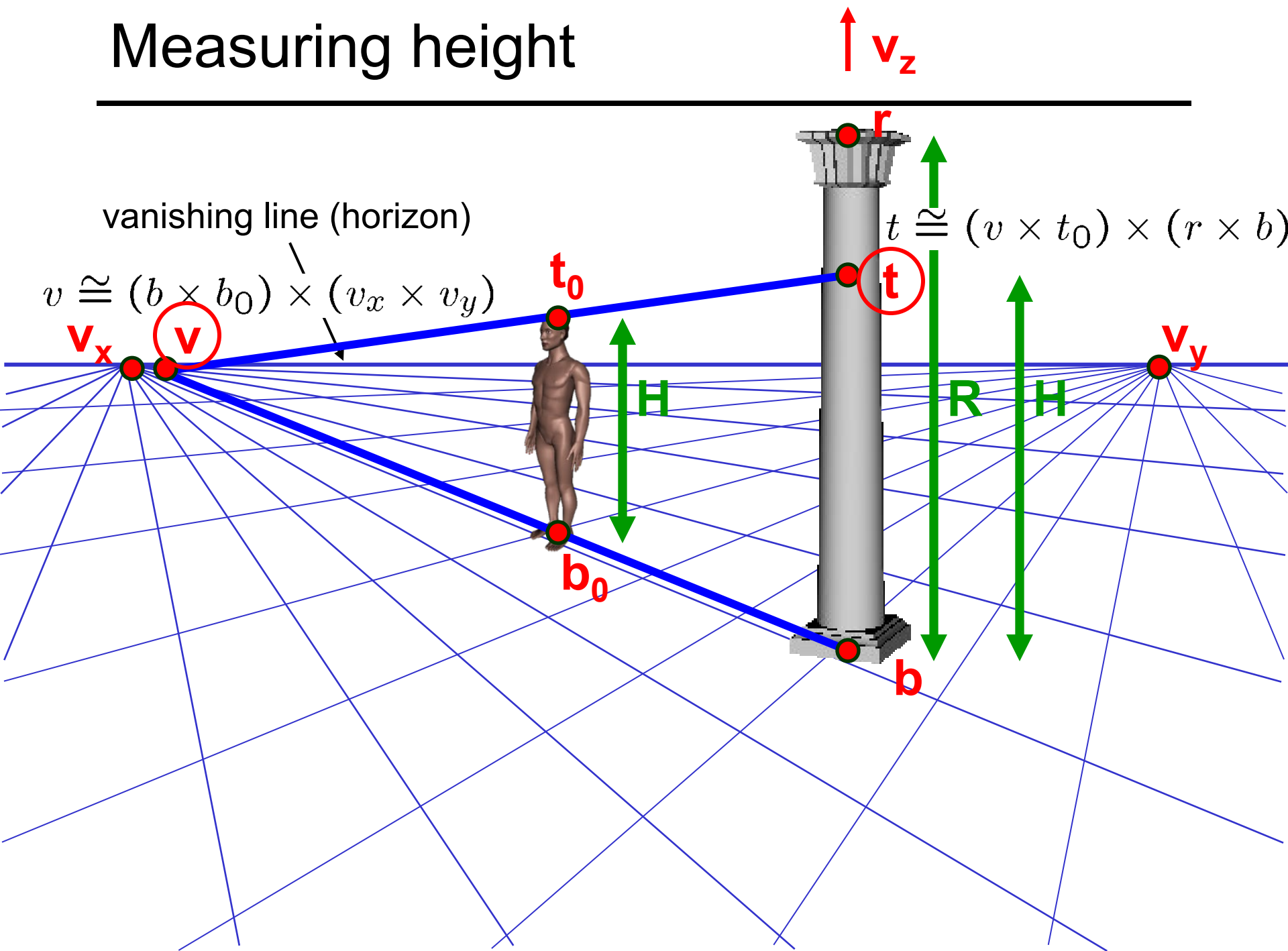


# Measuring height

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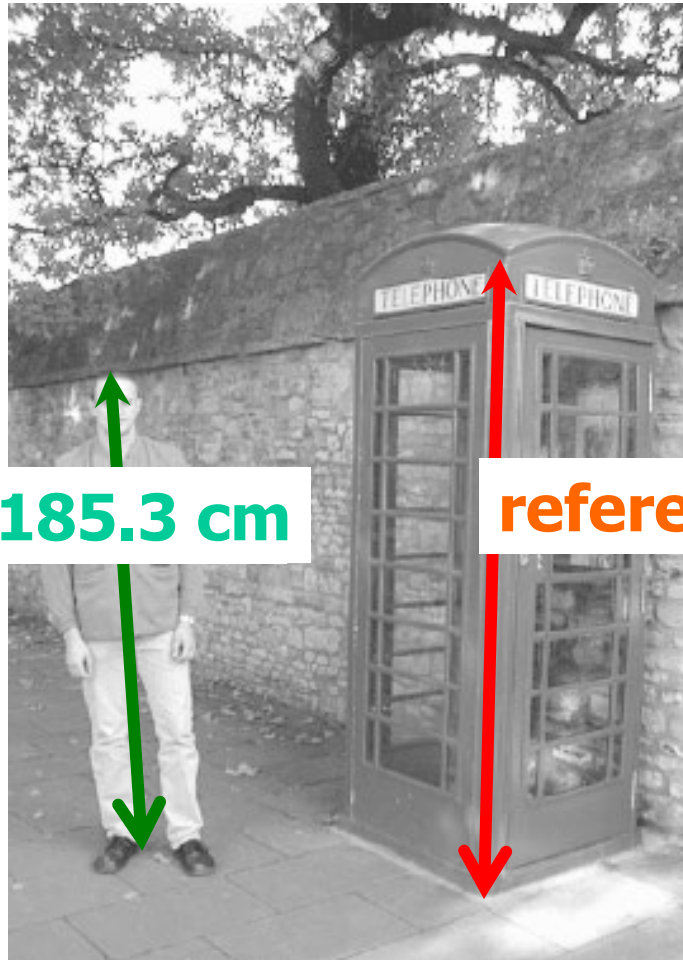


# Measuring height



# Measuring heights of people

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**Here we go !**

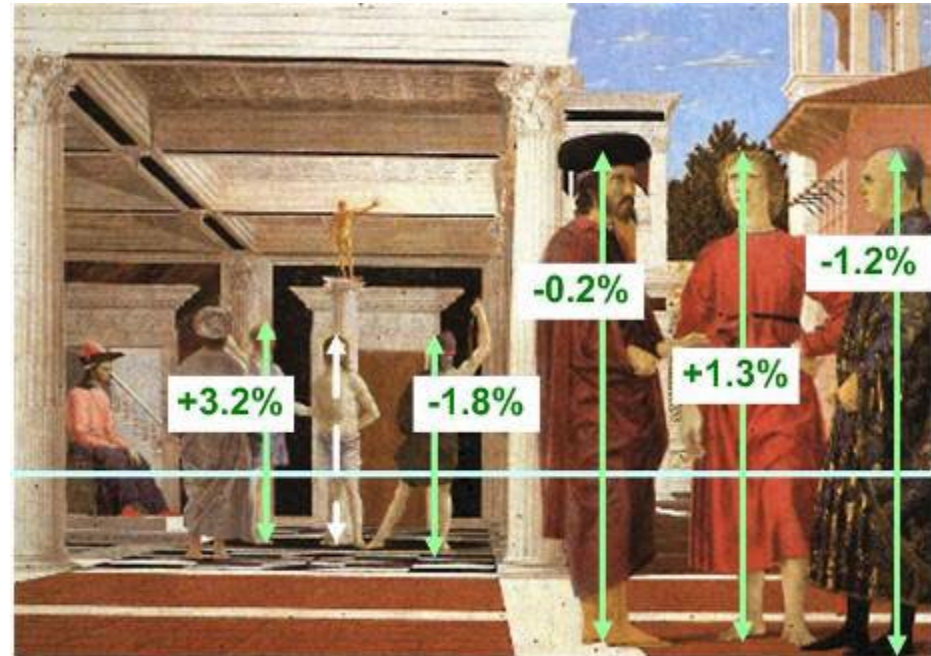
# Assessing geometric accuracy

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Are the heights of the 2 groups of people consistent with each other?



***Flagellation,***  
**Piero della Francesca**



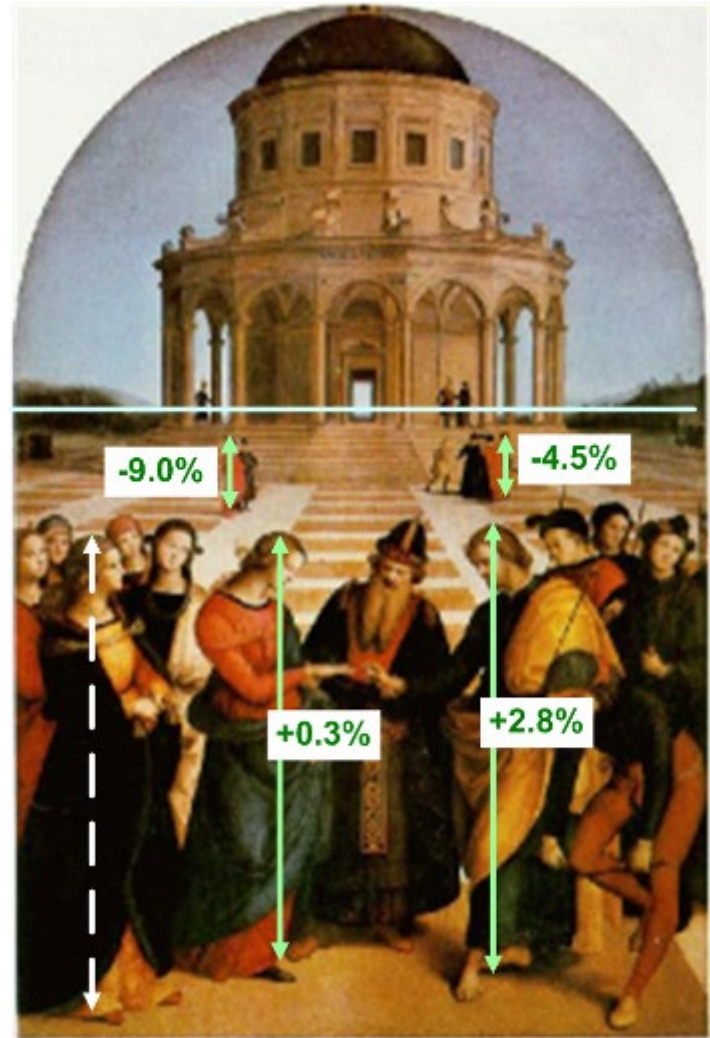
**Estimated relative heights**



# Assessing geometric accuracy



***The Marriage of the Virgin,***  
**Raphael**



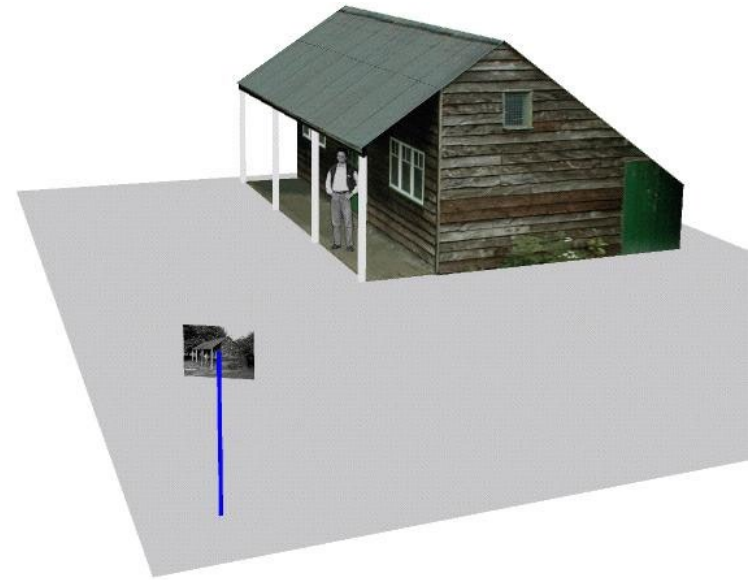
**Estimated relative heights**

# Complete 3D reconstruction

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**Single  
View  
algorithms**



**Single  
image**



- **Planar measurements**
- **Height measurements**
- **Automatic vanishing point/line computation**
- **Interactive segmentation**
- **Occlusion filling**
- **Object placement in 3D model**



**3D  
model**

# A virtual museum @ Microsoft

